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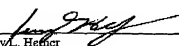
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- (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
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